



# Spring 2019 FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

by Larold (Lud) Lodholz

Since August of 2018, we have been investigating a self-contained, solar-powered system called I-LIDS. If purchased, this system would be installed at the State Landing on County Road G. Through its video capture, with audio-message playback, and remote inspection of the launching of boats and trailers, this system will help us prevent Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) from entering our lake.

Your PLPOA Committee of Jim Frymark, David Hardt, Bob Mott, Vicki Smith, Richard Upthegrove, and myself made a field trip August 7, 2018, to Plum Lake. We met with their lake-association representatives and visited two I-LIDS installations on their lake. The committee also spent a great deal of time researching and talking with representatives from other lake associations, regarding this system. In addition, we met with Eric Lundberg, the owner and developer of the I-LIDS system, who has been in business for over twelve years and has seventy-five installations in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

At the present time, our CBCW program has monitors who monitor our lake landings on weekends and holidays. Using an I-LIDS system, we would add 24/7 monitoring during the week.

The cost of an I-LIDS system is \$8,000, with a yearly monitoring and service fee of \$1,800 per year. At this time, we have received \$4,000 from the State of Wisconsin Surface Water Grant to help us cover these costs. For more information: <a href="www.lakesentry.net">www.lakesentry.net</a> and/or <a href="mailto:info@environmentalsentry.com">info@environmentalsentry.com</a>

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If there's a RED "X" next to your name, you need to submit your 2019 PLPOA dues. Simply fill-out the yellow form that came with this newsletter and mail it, along with your check (made out to "PLPOA"), to: PLPOA; P.O. Box 96; Pelican Lake, WI 54463. Thanks!

#### **NEWS FROM ONEIDA COUNTY**

by Bob Mott, Oneida County Board Supervisor, District 7; and Town of Schoepke Supervisor

#### **Grants**

As a grant writer for the Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association, I was asked to apply for two grants for 2019:

- (1.) The first grant application was for Clean Boats Clean Waters, a program that monitors three landings on Pelican Lake. Boaters are educated regarding Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), and boats are checked to see that no invasives are carried into or from Pelican Lake. In 2018 <u>5,968 people</u> were educated and <u>2,965 boats</u> were inspected. Since 2004, when the program began on Pelican Lake, **29,737 boats have been inspected** and **62,593 people educated**. As a result of our grant application, the PLPOA was awarded a \$16,000 grant (\$12,000 cash and \$4,000 gained from volunteer work) for 2019.
- (2.) The second grant application was for the **I-LIDS Project**, a monitoring system that will be placed at the State Landing on County Road G. This system, through a video process, records boats entering and leaving the lake. The videos are reviewed at a central location. If a trailer enters the lake with weeds attached, law enforcement will be notified of the violation. The I-LIDS system operates 24/7 (24 hours per day, 7 days per week). The PLPOA was awarded a grant of **\$4,000** (the maximum award) for this project.

#### **Town of Schoepke**

- (1.) A larger **snowplow truck** was purchased to help with larger snow accumulation and to do the work faster. It looked like an error until February's record snows hit. Hope everyone appreciates the work of our two drivers!
- (2.) A three-year contract was signed with Paul Tomczak of Salt Dog Services, LLC, to place, remove, clean, and store the **28 buoys** in the Schoepke part of the lake.
- (3.) A **local mining ordinance** is being considered by the Town Board. Since the Town of Schoepke is zoned, the county metallic-mining ordinance will apply, but provisions that protect Schoepke's roads, waters, air, and citizens are prudent. The Town of Enterprise, as an unzoned town, would not be covered by the county ordinance.
- (4.) Please visit the **buffer zone/shoreline-restoration area** just north of Schoepke Town Hall on Highway 45 in Pelican Lake. Walk along the path, enjoy the plants, view the sign, take the literature, and then put in your own buffer zone along your shoreline. Doing so helps preserve our lake and is an investment for the future.

#### **Oneida County**

- (1.) The **mining question** which appeared on the November, 2018, ballot read, "After performing their due diligence, should Oneida County allow leasing county-owned lands in the Town of Lynne for the purpose of metallic mineral exploration, prospecting, bulk sampling, and mining?" This question was **defeated** 11,927 to 7,129.
- (2.) The Conservation Department had two study sessions with community representatives to evaluate the **Oneida County Land and Water Management Plan 2020-2029**. With the help of North Central Regional Planning, a draft was produced. The tentative timeline for final approval is: April 11, 2019, for committee review; May 13, 2019, for the final draft; June 3-7, 2019, for public hearings; and July or August, 2019, for the full County Board. The plan will be presented to the State August 6, 2019. To view the plan and comment, go to <a href="https://www.oclw.org">www.oclw.org</a>.
- (3.) A **pollinator garden** was completed at the County Courthouse. Pollinators (bees, butterflies) are in need of help! Plant your own pollinator/flower garden in your buffer/shoreline zone.
- (4.) The Yawkley Lumber Company donated 4.4 miles of shoreline on Lake Katherine to the Northwoods Land Trust.
- (5.) The **Forestry Department** and Oneida County's 82,000 acres of managed county forest earned a record \$2,000,000 in stumpage payments in 2018. About 1.3 million goes to the Oneida County General Fund to help with capital improvements and tax relief in Oneida County. Oneida County is the fourth-lowest taxed county in Wisconsin.

#### **NEWS FROM ONEIDA COUNTY (continued)**

- (6.) The Department of Aging is now the **Aging and Disabilities Resource Center of Oneida County**. You, your relatives, and friends can find help with aging and disability questions at 715-369-6701 or <a href="https://www.adrc.co.oneida.wi.us">www.adrc.co.oneida.wi.us</a>.
- (7.) Unfortunate news: Petco, formerly Drs. Foster and Smith, will close most of their Rhinelander operations, resulting in the loss of 289 jobs. Stacey Johnson, Executive Director of Oneida County Economic Development, is working to help those affected, and to find new business for Oneida County.

#### **State Committees**

- (1.) I was appointed to the UW-Extension Board of Visitors, along with three other county supervisors; four county administrators; the heads of the Wisconsin Association of Towns, the Wisconsin Counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau, the Dairy Producers of Wisconsin; and others. This is an advisory board that will meet quarterly. This board discusses such topics as workforce development, health, infrastructure, environment and stewardship, and social systems.
- (2.) I authored a resolution with the **Wisconsin Land and Water Association** to restore the \$3,500,000 in funding for the UW-Extension that was removed when the state cut the UW System \$250,000,000 in the 2015-2017 budget. The North Central Land and Water Association passed this resolution. It will be voted upon at the statewide meeting in March, 2019. I learned today that the governor has called for a similar restoration of funds in the proposed state budget.

#### Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association (OCLRA)

- (1.) This group's purpose is to preserve and protect the inland waters of Oneida County.
- (2.) The emphasis for 2019-2020 is <u>to encourage riparian property owners to establish buffer zones along</u> <u>their shorelines</u>. It is the single, most-important activity that can be done to protect the quality of our lakes and the value of our properties.
- (3.) On **Friday, July 12, 2019**, the OCLRA will sponsor a **Six-County Lake Conference** at **Nicolet College** in Rhinelander, from **9 a.m. 1 p.m**. It is important for all to attend and hear the excellent speakers and their messages for protecting our lakes, along with learning the latest about legislation at the state level.
- (4.) The OCLRA is planning to distribute a **survey** to lake leaders and to other members of the public, regarding the perceived problems of lakes in Oneida County. Please fill-out the survey. It will help us gather information and address the concerns.

# REMEMBER! THE ANNUAL MEETING IS SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH!



AND SUMMERFEST IS SATURDAY, JULY 27TH!

#### **CHECK YOUR DOCKS FOR AIS**

Oneida County AIS Update

#### CHECK YOUR DOCKS FOR AIS

When removing boats, docks, boat/jet-ski lifts, hoists, inflatables, water toys, or other water-related equipment from lakes and rivers, carefully inspect everything to make sure there are no AIS such as Zebra Mussels, Eurasian Water Milfoil, or New Zealand Mud Snails attached. Look on the posts, wheels, and underwater support bars of docks and lifts, as well as on any parts of boats, pontoons, and rafts that may have been submerged in water for an extended period. In newly infested waters, adult Zebra Mussels may not be abundant and you might notice only a few mussels on your equipment.

In addition to a visual inspection, citizens and contractors are encouraged to feel smooth surfaces of equipment to check for juvenile Zebra Mussels. These may have a "sand-paper like" feel and often be invisible to the human eye.

**Hiring a business to remove water-related equipment?** If you hire a business to install or remove your boat, dock, lift, or other water-related equipment, make sure they are compliant with the AIS laws as well! In Wisconsin, you may not transport any watercraft or water-related equipment with aquatic plants or animals attached away from a water access or other shoreland property, even if you intend to put it in storage for the winter.

- INSPECT your boat, trailer, and equipment.
- **REMOVE** any attached aquatic plants or animals (before launching, after loading, and before transporting on a public highway).
- DRAIN all water from boats, motors, and all equipment.
- NEVER MOVE live fish away from a waterbody.
- DISPOSE of unwanted bait in the trash.
- BUY minnows from a Wisconsin bait dealer. Use leftover minnows only under certain conditions.

For more information about Wisconsin bait laws, please visit <a href="https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/regulations/">https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/regulations/</a>

#### REPORTING AIS

Oneida County AIS Update: August 31, 2018 From Stephanie Boismenue, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator

Responding quickly to new AIS infestations is critical to help curb their spread into other waterbodies. If you find something you suspect is a Zebra Mussel, a Faucet Snail, or another Aquatic Invasive Species, note the exact location, take a photo, keep the specimen, and contact the Wisconsin DNR or Stephanie Boismenue, Oneida County AIS Coordinator, at 715-369-7835 (<a href="mailto:sboismenue@co.oneida.wi.us">sboismenue@co.oneida.wi.us</a>).

Thank you for all you do for our natural resources.



Oneida County Land Water Conservation Department <a href="http://www.oneidacountyais.com">http://www.oneidacountyais.com</a>

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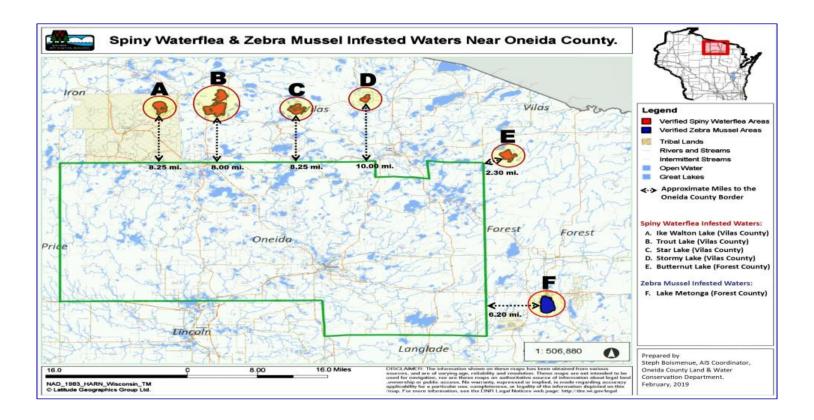
# SILENT INVADERS by Stephanie Boismenue, Oneida County AIS Coordinator

In the Great Lakes, more than 180 non-native species of plants, fish, invertebrates, and microscopic organisms have silently invaded the world's largest freshwater ecosystem, where they have no natural predators to keep their numbers from exploding, and are leaving a wake of destruction. The ripple effect caused by these silent invaders has profoundly altered the ecosystem, forcing some native species to the edge of extinction, and costing the Great Lakes region hundreds of millions of dollars in control costs and lost revenue every year. Sadly, new invasives are on the radar!

On a local level, Oneida County has 168 waterbodies that contain at least one invasive species, such as Eurasian Water Milfoil or Rusty Crayfish. These species have likely found their way into our waters through unclean watercraft, jet skis, canoes, kayaks, boat trailers, fishing gear, inflatable water toys, hunting and trapping gear, inappropriate disposal of bait and aquarium species, and/or migration through connected waterways. Some of these invasives have the potential to change, or have already changed, the biodiversity of our lakes, rivers, streams (including trout streams), marshes, wetlands, ephemeral ponds, and have affected our fisheries and recreational activities.

Sadly, emerging threats of Zebra Mussels and Spiny Waterfleas are literally on Oneida County's doorstep. To the north of Oneida County, the prohibited Spiny Waterflea has invaded Butternut Lake in Forest County, the Gile Flowage in Iron County, and four lakes in Vilas County (Ike Walton Lake, Star Lake, Stormy Lake, and Trout Lake). To the east of Oneida County, Zebra Mussels have invaded Lake Metonga in Forest County. Both of these destructive invaders are waiting for an opportunity to make their silent onslaught into our waters. *One Zebra Mussel attached to a boat propeller or hiding in the muck on a boat anchor; or one Spiny Waterflea left in a live well, bait bucket, or trapped in the fur of a bucktail is all it will take!* 

The good news is that everyone can help prevent the spread of AIS! Whether you are a boater, angler, paddler, seaplane pilot, water gardener/pond owner, nursery owner, aquarium enthusiast, or even a teacher, you have a very important role to play in keeping Wisconsin's lakes free of AIS. Every time you follow the required prevention steps of INSPECT, REMOVE, DRAIN, AND NEVER MOVE, you are empowering yourself to prevent the spread of AIS and helping to protect our beautiful and valuable water resources for generations to come!



#### WATERFOWL HUNTERS CAN STOP THE SPREAD OF AIS

Oneida County AIS Update

Waterfowl hunters across Wisconsin are taking steps to stop the spread of AIS and protect the native habitats that support Wisconsin's recreational traditions.

<u>Why does this matter?</u> Healthy wetlands and waterways support strong waterfowl populations, but AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) present a threat to waterfowl habitat and populations. AIS can destroy native vegetation and other ecological conditions that many migratory birds need in order to survive. AIS can also transmit bacteria and parasites that can kill waterfowl. Taking steps to prevent the spread of AIS can help protect waterfowl habitats and populations, as well as the hunting tradition for generations to come.

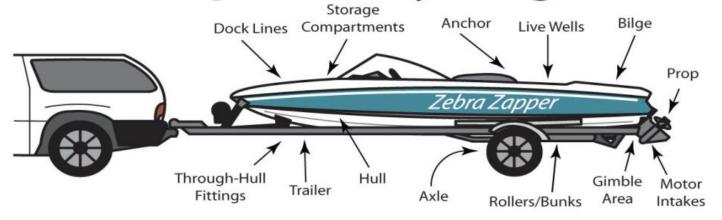
<u>What hunters can/must do!</u> Join fellow hunters in preserving Wisconsin's waterfowl populations and hunting traditions for future generations. The steps hunters must take are the same steps boaters and anglers must take, with a few extra precautions unique to waterfowl hunting.

To help protect waterfowl habitat and populations, <u>hunters</u> must take these simple steps before launching into and leaving a waterbody:

- -Inspect boat, trailer, motor, and hunting equipment, including boots, blinds, and dogs.
- -Remove all plants, animals, and mud.
- -Drain all water from decoys, boats, motors, live wells, and other hunting equipment.
- -Never move plants or live fish away from a water body.
- -Unique to waterfowl hunting: Never use non-native plants, such as Phragmites (a common and invasive tall weed), for your duck blind. Using them can lead to the inadvertent spread of the species. Phragmites are an NR40 Prohibited Invasive Species and are prohibited in Oneida County. Not even a dead Prohibited Invasive Species can be used! It is best to stick to artificial materials for your duck blind. (Per NR40, duck weeds and wild rice do not need to be removed.)
- -for more information about this topic, please visit: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/

<u>What the DNR is doing</u>: Each year, before the statewide opener in late September, the DNR staff and partners meet with hunters at access sites to share this message and provide clean-up tips.

# Before leaving and before launching... inspect everything!





# PLEASE DON'T CUT THE REEDS!

We've been told by a local biologist that Pelican Lake is, thus far, a healthy lake. We've also been told that the fish in our lake need to spawn in the reeds that are in the water in front of some of our properties. If, in an effort to make our waterfronts look nice, we cut the reeds, we take away the environment needed by fish and we destroy the healthy balance of our lake. <u>Please leave the reeds in their natural state and avoid cutting them!</u>

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# AIS BOAT CLASS FOR LAKE MONITORS RHINELANDER COURTHOUSE: APRIL 26, 2018

by Lucy Nelson



An AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) class was held last April in Rhinelander. Attendees included representatives from the Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association, Clean Boats Clean Waters program, Weaver's Resort, Pelican Piers, and area campgrounds.

This AIS class was a review of information for the Clean Boats Clean Waters program. Half of the class time was taken up by a power-point presentation showing all the invasives, as well as how to intervene when they are discovered. The other half of the class was devoted to a hands-on activity that included AIS plants in water, cubes of specimens, and paper handouts for all participants. New paper forms were then introduced, along with instructions for use. After a question-answer session, the class was concluded.

Front, L to R: Lucy Nelson, Kathy Handt, Baker Branson, Francis Branson.

Back, L to R: Tracy, Doug, Lud, Rick, Mike, Wendy.

#### AIS EDUCATION AT ELCHO SCHOOL

by Lucy Nelson

<u>Elcho School: May 4, 2018</u>: Many students don't know what invasive species are. That's why I choose to teach AIS education at Elcho School every May on Forest Day. I usually teach five 45-minute classes of ten or more students, grades 3-5, plus one adult.

The first question I ask everyone is, "Do you know what invasive species are?" Hands are raised. "Something that's not good." "Something that's not normal in the lake." "It kind of takes over."

"Very good," I tell them.

Then I pass around see-through cubes of AIS specimens to show them exactly what to look for in the lake. Passing the bagged formaldehyde specimens of EWM (Eurasian Water Milfoil) and Curly Leaf Pondweed allows the students to "feel" the plants. To no one's surprise, none of the girls will touch the Lamprey Eel that's in the formaldehyde bag.



#### AIS BANQUET: AUGUST 23, 2018 HOLIDAY ACRES RESORT, RHINELANDER

by Stephanie Boismenue, Oneida County AIS Coordinator



10th Annual Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department's Stewardship Awards Banquet

Congratulations to the recipients of the <u>2018 Oneida County Stewardship Awards and Citizen Lakes Monitoring Network Volunteer Awards!</u> Pictured above are the award recipients: (L to R) Baker Bronson, Marcia Obukowicz, Vicki Smith, Jean Roach, Pamela McVety, Lori Regni, John Heusinkveld, and Oneida County AIS Coordinator, Stephanie Boismenue.

<u>Stewardship Awards</u>: Nominations for the Stewardship Awards are accepted for youth and adult individuals, couples, lake groups, and professionals for their dedication and incredible efforts at fighting terrestrial and aquatic invasive species as well as protecting the health of our lands and waterbodies in Oneida County.

<u>Citizen Lake Monitoring Network Volunteers of Oneida County Awards</u>: Recipients are Citizen Lake Monitoring Network Program volunteers from Oneida County, who have completed 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 or more years for collecting water-quality data on Oneida County waters and sharing information with fellow lake residents, the Wisconsin DNR, UW biologists and researchers, UW-Extension, and other interested individuals. Additionally, awards are given to the <u>Century Club</u> for 100 Secchi readings, and <u>Pentacentennial Club</u> for 500 Secchi readings.

A total of sixty people attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet, to help honor and celebrate twenty-seven award recipients for their extraordinary efforts to protect our lands and waterbodies in Oneida County.

Special presentations and guest presenters were Alan Van Raalte - Vice-Chair, Conservation & UWEX Education Committee, Oneida County; Larold Lodholz - President of the Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association; Jean Roach - Vice-President of the Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association; and Marcia Obukowicz - Wisconsin Master Naturalist, Citizen Scientist, and Flannery Lake resident.

#### **RESORT AND CAMPGROUND OWNERS @ PELICAN LAKE**

by Lucy Nelson













Pelican Lake resort and campground owners are a unique group! They are well-educated about AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) and are extremely watchful for its occurrence in our lake. Using their knowledge and their experience, along with AIS brochures, they educate their customers. During last year's algae problem, this group went above and beyond to inform and instruct their customers concerning the hazards involved.

Pelican Lake is, indeed, fortunate to have these marvelous volunteers as our watchful eyes on the lake!

#### GOOD NEWS ON THE EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL FRONT!

by David Hardt



<u>Good news!</u> In their survey conducted in the spring of 2018, Onterra, our lake-survey partner, again found a limited amount of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) in Pelican Lake, and suggested that a heavy-duty hand-pulling regimen would likely <u>not</u> be advised for 2018. We then cancelled hand-pulling for the summer of 2018, saving the Association some money.

Since there still remained a small number of Eurasian Water Milfoil plants in our lake, and in an effort to further reduce EWM, in the summer of 2018 a highly-trained team of DNR staff members from Rhinelander attempted to hand-pull these plants. Due to high winds and cloudy conditions, no plants could be found. Note that <a href="https://example.com/hand-pulling-nc/4">https://example.com/hand-pulling-nc/4</a> a task that should be left to the professionals!

In the spring of 2019 Onterra will again survey the lake and make recommendations, based upon what they find. The Association already has a hand-pulling company on call, if needed.

If you think you have spotted a clump of EWM, please contact me at <a href="mailto:dhardt1@mac.com">dhardt1@mac.com</a> or 414-324-1160, and I will stop by, identify the plant, and figure out a plan for dealing with it.

While we'll never get rid of Eurasian Water Milfoil in Pelican Lake, hand-pulling helps us control it.

PLPOA ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 29, 2019

Registration: 9:30 a.m.
Meeting: 10 a.m.
Schoepke Town Hall

#### **BE GOOD TO OUR LAKE!**

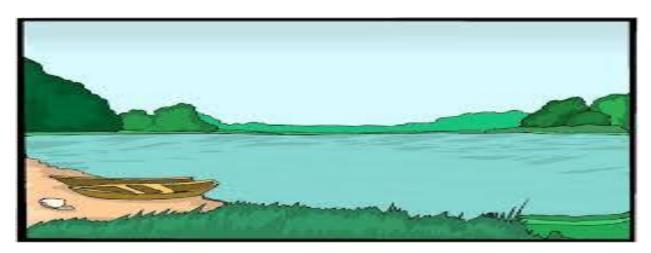
by Lynn Anderson

As I do every year, I like to think about what has changed. What has changed with our lake in the last 20-50 years? And what changes does the future hold? What is your vision of our lake in 20 years?

We all love our lake, or we wouldn't be here. Warm summer days while we swim and lounge in the water, enjoying family and friends, are ideal. But, some of the best things are the unusual ones. Like the mosquitos and the humidity of last summer. The big storm we watched approaching. The bear who destroyed our bird feeder. The local twin fawns. The biggest fish we ever caught. And on and on. Good. Bad. Funny. Sad. We all have stories that have been told too many times.

We want our children and others to make similar memories and remember us as good custodians of our lake. We're all aware of global weather change, whether we believe it or not. The concept is overwhelming. But, if we pick a small thing to do, we will make a difference. Any trip starts with the first step.

There have been numerous articles about lake ecology. Pick something you can do to help! We are good to our family and friends, so let's be good to our lake. Let's leave it a little better than we found it.



#### PROTECTING OUR LAKE

Oneida County AIS Team: Stephanie Boismenue, Coordinator Invasive plants and animals, like Eurasian Water Milfoil, Spiny Water Fleas and Zebra Mussels, can spread easily by hitching a ride on boats and other equipment, including trailers, anchors, live wells, buckets, and bilges. Because many invasive species can also be hidden in mud, it's vital to *clean off anchors*.

Boaters can easily prevent the spread of invasive plants and animals by taking the following simple steps before leaving a boat landing:

- Inspect your boat, trailer, and equipment for attached aquatic plants or animals.
- Remove all attached plants or animals.
- Drain all water from boats, motors, live wells, and other equipment.
- Never move live fish away from a waterbody.
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.
- Buy minnows from a Wisconsin bait dealer.
- Only use *leftover minnows* when either (1) fishing with them on the same body of water, or (2) on other waters, if no lake/river water or other fish have been added to the container.

Following these steps also helps boaters comply with Wisconsin State Law, which prohibits the transport of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). To learn more about invasives, visit DNR.wi.gov and search for "invasive species."

#### **HELP KEEP OUR LAKE CLEAN!**

by Janeen Weith Sullivan and Dawn Duschel



Around 30 to 35 years ago it was noticed that Pelican Lake was dying, due to many reasons. The Wisconsin DNR realized that our fish populations were becoming extinct, so they made attempts to restock the lake, with little success. Then the Oneida County Health Department, in conjunction with the DNR, began taking lake-water samples, and realized that our lake was contaminated with chemical and human wastes. Non-functioning septic systems were ordered replaced, outhouses were eliminated or covered over, and the use of chemicals near the lake was banned. After much effort and many years, our lake is once again healthy. Kudos to the pioneers in the restoration!

Now, after 30 years of hard work, are a few people trying to kill off our lake once more? In the past 15 years there has been a tremendous increase in the number of boats parked along the northeast shore of our lake on weekends and extended holidays. Do these people have the right to swim in a sandy, shallow area and enjoy the lake? YOU BET THEY DO! But do they need to stay for 6-8 hours? Hmm.

These parked boats have created a pollution problem for the residents along that shore: noise, gas fumes, garbage, and human waste. At first the residents along the shore thought that surely there were bathroom facilities on board the boats. Who could consume copious amounts of alcohol, park for 6-8 hours, and not have issues?

Well, it was confirmed this past summer that, by golly, there were no bathroom facilities on the boats. On one occasion we heard a young boy yell, "I just peed!" His dad was so proud that he repeated what his son had yelled, and yelled back, "Yahoo!" Another case was when a boy announced, "I just pooped!" A round of applause erupted from his boating party. Then, low and behold, a grown adult male stood over the side of his boat and urinated into the lake. He then proceeded to shout, "Come over here, Mom, so I can pee on your head." FUNNY, FUNNY! We also heard an adult male bragging, "AAAH, I just pooped." His peers all responded, "EEEEWWW, sick." Our thoughts, exactly.

Yes, the lake is a great conductor of sound. The people along this shoreline can hear all that is said out there. When you're out on the water, the shore seems so far away, but for those of us on the shore, the boats appear to be right off our docks. On a hot day do you think the residents of our shore want to go swim in the sewage after all the boaters have left around 7 or 8 p.m.?

We, as conservators of our beautiful lake, ask that you encourage your visitors and campers to be respectful of our natural resources and our shore-bound neighbors, regardless of where these visitors are enjoying the lake. Remember, the lake is for all of us!

#### 2018 REPORT: CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS

by Lud Lodholz

Here are the landing tallies for May of 2018 through mid-September of 2018, reflecting the number of boats and people checked by our monitors:

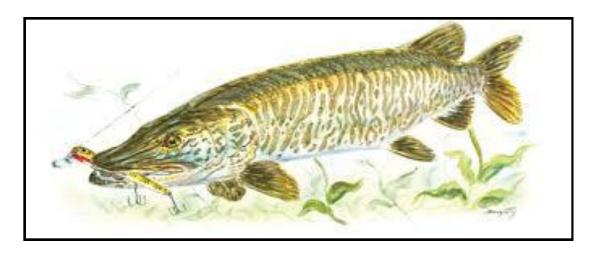
State Landing (County Road G): 2,124 boats 4,381 people Keeler Landing (County Road Q): 734 boats 1,365 people Town Landing (US Highway 45): 107 boats 222 people TOTALS: 2,965 BOATS 5,968 PEOPLE

Thank you to our coordinators, Rhonda and Gordon Bell, for managing the CBCW program for the summer of 2018. Thanks, too, to Lori Regni, Joy Herman, and Vicki Smith for their help with the program. And, additional thanks go to the following Pelican Lake *boat monitors* for their hard work:

-Baker Branson -Kathy Handt -Fran Branson -Perry Miller

-John Cahak

For the summer of 2019 **David Hardt** will be coordinating the CBCW program on Pelican Lake.



# DNR REPORT: ELECTROSHOCKING September 25, 2018

In Pelican Lake 67 young-of-the year walleye per mile of shoreline were collected, which is a *high catch*. In lakes supported by natural reproduction, we averaged about 33 per mile. We find that about 10-15 per mile is enough to produce a noticeable year-class down the road. We need one moderate-to-strong year-class at least every 3-4 years to sustain a fishery.

We also captured 2 naturally reproduced muskellunge. The stocked muskies averaged 11.8 inches. In early September when we normally stock muskies, the fish were running a little smaller than our target of 10 inches, so the hatchery held them until after all the walleyes were stocked and had put on a lot of growth. On October 5, 2018, 1,793 muskies were stocked in Pelican Lake. The stocked muskies originated from the eggs taken from Pelican Lake last spring.

<u>A comment from David Hardt</u>: I have followed the DNR's electroshocking survey of Pelican Lake for the past five years or so. While I can't quote exact stats from past years, I remember that 3 of the past 5 years, in addition to this past year, have also been very good, with high numbers of walleyes reported in the survey. One of the other two years had numbers that weren't high, but were more average for walleyes. <u>The natural reproduction of walleyes in Pelican Lake is excellent!</u>

#### **ELECTROSHOCKING @ PELICAN LAKE**

by David Hardt



This past summer it was my great pleasure and honor to help with the DNR mid-summer electroshocking of the lake in order to survey our fish populations. The main thrust of the survey was to look for young-of-the-year walleye. Hardworking men spent eight hours after dark in cool, foggy, windy conditions checking our lake for various populations of game fish.

As the "shockers" temporarily stunned the fish in the boat's path, two of us, with long-handled nets, stood in the front of the boat and scooped out the stunned, floating fish as the boat slowly made its rounds of the shoreline. Another expert identified the species as we dropped the fish into a small holding tank, returning the fish to the lake after identification. For safety purposes we, in the front, had to stand on a pressure plate that would shut off the electricity if we stepped off the plate. We had to face forward, scoop the floating fish out of the lake, then swing around to dump them into the holding tank.



This team of experts worked like clockwork, present company excluded. I was pleasantly surprised that, again this past year, the young-of-the-year's walleye population was numerous and healthy.

This means that for three of the past five years the young-of-the-year walleye populations have done very well in our lake. We also ran into a few young-of-the-year muskies, as well as a few adult muskies. There were also many, many panfish that we did not net, as well as adult walleyes and bass.





I would say that *Pelican Lake is a very healthy, productive body of water.* Thanks go to the hard-working DNR employees whose surveys, collected on that cool, windy night, help to determine how things will be in our lake for the years to come.



By the way, as we traveled along the shoreline in total darkness, it was amazing how lost I became without GPS and coordinated lake-map electronics. I had no idea where I was until we almost landed at the boat landing. I only mention this to remind everyone to <u>be safe and careful, if you venture out on the water after dark.</u>

#### PLPOA SHORELINE-RESTORATION GARDEN: COME SEE THE RESULTS!

by David Hardt

If you're interested in seeing how your shoreline could be returned to nature, please consider stopping by Schoepke Town Hall on Highway 45 in Pelican Lake to see the beautiful example of shoreline restoration that the Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association has created, utilizing a grant from Lumberjack RC&D. A grassy hillside just north of the Town Hall has been turned into a beautiful, terraced example of shoreline restoration.



Be prepared to see a plethora of wonderful, natural plants and flowers, as well as numerous butterflies and bees. This garden is the culmination of a three-year project which replaced grass with natural plants and shrubs, creating a natural, beautiful pathway to the lake. It also acts as a deterrent to water flowing directly into the lake.

I have visited this site numerous times and have seen many pollinators such as honeybees, natural bees, Monarch butterflies, and hummingbirds, visiting and feeding upon the vast number of flowers growing in the beds. I'm always surprised by how popular this garden is with them!

Feel free to come and visit this restorative work done by volunteers from the Pelican Lake area. Take a stroll down the pathway to the lake, and possibly have a wonderful picnic lunch there, utilizing the many picnic tables donated to the community by the Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association.

#### WHY SHOULD WE RESTORE OUR SHORELINE?

by David Hardt

Research has shown that a vast majority of the phosphorus and other nutrients leaching into our lakes comes from water runoff, usually in the form of spring snowmelt or a heavy-rain runoff. To prevent the kinds of algae blooms that we've experienced in Pelican Lake in the past, it is important to prevent as many of these nutrients, especially phosphorus, from flowing unabated into our lake. This can be done by returning our shorelines to a more natural state.

A shoreline-restoration, which also improves the beauty of the property, is designed to slow the flow of water from the shore to the lake, thereby allowing the water to seep into the soil, leaving behind the phosphorus and other nutrients, while allowing the water to seep through the soil and eventually enter the lake, striped of harmful phosphorus. The phosphorus that is left behind is a *free natural fertilize*r for a lawn or flower bed on the property. No need to spend money on fertilizer!



A shoreline-restoration improvement greatly benefits pollinators like Monarch butterflies and bees. These pollinators need a variety of plants and flowers to maintain good health throughout the season. The flowers in a shoreline garden can attract pollinators, as well as allow us to enjoy their presence on our property.

The <u>Healthy Lakes initiative</u> supports shoreline-restoration projects. Their grants are designed to be low-cost to the property owner. A Healthy Lakes grant pays for about 80% of the total cost; the Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association pays for 10% of the total cost, leaving the property owner responsible for only about 10% of the total cost. For example, a restoration project costing between \$800 – \$1,000 would typically cost a homeowner between \$80 – \$100, yielding an \$800 – \$1,000 property improvement.

With the financial assistance a Healthy Lakes initiative can give, you can transform your shoreline at very little cost to you. If you would like more information on projects like these, please contact Dave Hardt (<a href="mailto:dhardt1@mac.com">dhardt1@mac.com</a>). To read more: <a href="mailto:blog.limnology.wisc.edu/blame-it-on-the-rain-study-ties-phosphorus-loading-in-lakes-to-extreme-precipitation-events/">dhardt1@mac.com</a>). To read more: <a href="mailto:blog.limnology.wisc.edu/blame-it-on-the-rain-study-ties-phosphorus-loading-in-lakes-to-extreme-precipitation-events/</a>

#### **Our Larger Raptor Friends**

by David Hardt



Bald Eagles





**Ospreys** 



A wonderful thing about spending time at the lake is watching our beautiful raptors: bald eagles and ospreys. Personally, I would rather fish on Pelican Lake and have the opportunity to see a bald eagle or an osprey high in the sky, than fish in southern Wisconsin waters that may have higher numbers of fish, but fewer chances of observing some of these wonders of nature.

We live in a great time where, due to government regulations and extra care by humans, these raptors have made a strong comeback. I remember the 1960s, when, because of the overuse of DDT, eagles and ospreys were close to extinction. This chemical (DDT), used unsuccessfully to eliminate mosquitos, caused the shells of the eggs of these raptors to become very fragile. When adults nested on the eggs, the eggs cracked or were crushed. In the years since DDT was banned, the eagles and ospreys slowly have made a comeback and now can be seen flying over the water, searching for food.

Some people cannot distinguish an eagle from an osprey. When seen in the sky, the large bird with a white head and white tail is a <u>bald eagle</u>; the large bird with a whitish belly is an <u>osprey</u>. Both have huge wing spans. Bald eagles often nest high up in very tall trees. Their nests can sometimes be seen from the water. Ospreys nest farther from the water, building their already-high nests higher and higher each nesting season. An eagle will swoop down, skim across the water, then reach down into the water with its talons to snatch a fish out of the water. An osprey will hover at a fairly good height above the water, spot a prey fish, dive straight down, smashing into and under the water, and then re-emerge with the fish in its talons – a real sight to behold!

Bald eagles and ospreys are federally protected. Please stay clear of them. Enjoy just being in their presence. Sadly, this past summer on Pelican Lake an eagle was shot with a shot gun. While it eventually recovered in a rehab center, its injuries were such that it could not be released back into the wild.

Both types of birds are susceptible to lead poisoning, another reason to reduce lead in our watershed. Please <u>consider replacing your lead shot/sinkers</u> <u>with steel shot/sinkers</u>, thus helping to protect our wildlife and save them for all to enjoy while at the lake.

#### COMMON LOONS

by David Hardt





Photo courtesy of WSAU

Photo courtesy of Northland College

The Common Loon is a special bird at Pelican Lake! There are many pairs of loons that feed in our lake, mainly on small fish. If you see a loon or pair of loons feeding/diving in an area, it signals that there may be a school of fish swimming in that area, a sign of perhaps a productive fishing area.

Northland College in Ashland has a Loon Institute that organizes a loon count every 5 years for research purposes. Pelican Lake has participated in the last 3 counts, using volunteers who venture out onto our lake at dawn to do a loon survey. In 2015, early on a July morning, 9 of our members volunteered to do the count. They found 13 adults, 2 juveniles (these don't count), and 0 chicks. In previous years 8 loons were counted, revealing a good population of loons who make Pelican Lake their home.

The call of the loon is a special sound that is beautiful to hear across the lake, especially after dark. There are 5 different loon cals. The "wail" is used to notify other members of trouble. The "haunting/hoot" call is used by adults to calmly notify chicks and others of their presence. The "mew/mating call" is a courtship call used by both males/females when selecting breeding mates. The "yodel/back-off" call is produced only by males and is used in territorial disputes. The "tremolo/distress" call is made when a loon feels threatened, and is sounded when predators or people get too close.

Loons are special markers of a more-wilderness area. They need wilderness conditions along the shore in order to make a nest. A small lake cannot be used for this. Pelican Lake is a large enough lake for loons, but, because most of our shoreline is developed, there are few places isolated enough for a loon to find a safe, secluded nesting site. If we keep our shorelines as natural as possible, it would definitely help our loons!

Loons cannot walk on land. Their legs have evolved for swimming and are so far back that they cannot easily walk with them, thus they slide up to a nesting site along the shoreline, build their nests, then slide on and off the nest as needed.

Although loons can fly with flight speeds in excess of 70 mph, because of weight, a loon cannot take off from land. A loon needs several meters of water, or a running start, to take flight. You may have seen a large water bird seemingly walking across the water for dozens of yards before finally taking flight from the water. That would be a loon.

<u>Please, please stay clear of swimming loons when boating</u>. Since they cannot quickly take flight, they are more likely to dive when a boat comes too close, plus the boat's motor may injure them. Since most loons can live to be 25 years of age or more, <u>please respect them and keep your distance</u>.

#### **BUTTERFLIES AND BEES: BEAUTIFUL AND NECESSARY**

by David Hardt

One of the nicest parts of summer is watching the butterflies and bees, our pollinators. The sad news is that *they need our help*!

When apple trees, cherry trees, and plum trees are in bloom, their blossoms provide food for our butterflies and bees. But what do these pollinators feed on before and after the trees blossom? They need us to help out. Planting a flowering pollinator garden that they can visit for food is a good step in helping them.

There are many kinds of bees in our area, honeybees, as well as wild bees that need only a small nest to prosper. Not all are honeybees. A flowering pollinator garden can allow all types of bees to feed throughout the growing season.

A flowering pollinator garden, filled with beautiful flowers, can also be tied into a shoreline restoration project. Building such a pollinator garden near or along the shoreline can be a beautiful way to stop water runoff (which is full of phosphorus) from pouring into the lake, while it helps hungry bees and butterflies feed when other food sources are scarce. It also gives various butterflies a place to lay their eggs. By planting low-growing flowers, the landowner's view of the lake will remain intact, while the homeowner enjoys the beauty of the flowers.









If you are interested in pursuing a project like this, grant money from the DNR is available for shoreline-restoration projects. If the project is small, the Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association may help out. Please contract David Hardt @ <a href="mailto:dhardt1@mac.com">dhardt1@mac.com</a> or 414-324-1160 for more information.

#### **BUTTERFLIES IN THE PLPOA SHORELINE-RESTORATION GARDEN**

Photos taken by Debbie Diny in the PLPOA Shoreline-Restoration Garden during the PLPOA Summerfest Fundraiser/Picnic, July 28, 2018.







### Summerfest Fun Fest

by David Hardt



One of the highlights of my summer is the Summerfest Fundraiser put on by the Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association at Schoepke Town Hall on Highway 45 in Pelican Lake. This is a celebration of summer and the environmentally positive activities of the Property Owners' Association.



Every year, a week or so after the 4th of July, the PLPOA puts on a picnic from about 3 p.m. till dark, with good food, good drinks, a great band, and good times.







Volunteers do all the work for this fundraiser. They man the bar, the food tent, the car show, and the Town Hall, where donated items are available via silent auction. Tents are set up to shield picnic goers from the sun, as well as to use in the case of inclement weather.









Various raffles take place throughout the day.

Be sure to mark July 27th on your 2019 calendar and attend the Summerfest festivities this summer!

#### **SUMMERFEST 2018 SPONSORS/DONORS**

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#### 2018 SUMMERFEST VOLUNTEERS

Without the help of the following volunteers, our July 2018 Summerfest Fundraiser would not have been a success. Volunteers not only helped plan the event, but also solicited donations, helped with the setup, baked cookies, sold tickets, sold food, tended bar, displayed their cars, and/or helped with the cleanup. Thanks to each of the following volunteers for helping with our big event!



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#### **BECOME A SUMMERFEST VOLUNTEER AND JOIN THE FUN!**

by Dawn Duschel

This annual event requires a great deal of work from our PLPOA members and from valued members of our community who have volunteered in the past. Without volunteers we cannot put together this fun-filled event of good food/drinks, raffles, and a car show, not to mention listening and dancing to the band. It takes well over 100 volunteer hours on event day (not counting all the time needed for planning, setup, and teardown) to put on this 6-hour fun fest.

With the hope of recruiting volunteers, we have divided up the event-day volunteer time slots into one-hour slots (feel free to volunteer for more). The hope is that if everyone can volunteer for just one hour, then we all can enjoy the entire event. There will be a sign-up sheet at our Annual Meeting on June 29, 2019. If you know what you would like to do now, please e-mail Dawn Duschel at <a href="mailto:dd40018@gmail.com">dd40018@gmail.com</a>. Every attempt will be made to utilize you in the volunteer position that you have requested. Our sit-down front door positions will be given priority based upon volunteers' needs. Here's where we need volunteers:

**Friday, July 26, 4-7 p.m. Setup:** moving supplies from PLPOA storage unit; unpacking supplies; setting up tents; moving and setting up tables, picnic tables, and chairs. Trucks and/or trailers welcome.

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>July 27</u>, <u>3 p.m</u>. <u>Event Day</u>: Volunteers are asked to report 10 minutes before their scheduled time. Keep in mind that volunteering here is a superb way to meet your neighbors and community members. Once we have your contact information, more specifics will follow closer to the date. Here are the available positions:

- Front Door, 3-9 p.m. 3 positions per hour (mostly sitting while pulling and tearing tickets). Raffle-ticket sales (PLPOA Lake-Protection Raffle).
- Indoor Raffle Tables, 3-9 p.m. 1 position per hour (mostly standing and sitting). Assist guests with questions as they fill-out their raffle tickets for the bucket raffle. Winners announced at end of the evening.
- Outdoor Rapid Raffle, 3-9 p.m. 2 positions per hour (standing, walking, pulling and tearing tickets). Fast-paced, rapid, raffle-selling. Winners announced frequently. Winners choose from many items donated by business and community members.
- 50/50 Raffle, 3-9 p.m. 3-4 positions per hour (walking on uneven ground, pulling and tearing tickets). Walking through the crowd, selling raffle tickets. One winner announced each hour. Winner gets half the pot, PLPOA gets the other half.
- Courtesy Volunteer, 3-9 p.m. 1 position per hour (lifting, stooping, walking). One of the most important positions! Make sure that the restrooms have paper towels and toilet paper, and that the trash cans are not overflowing. May have to mop up small messes.
- Bar Tent: Contact Auggie Augustiniak (715-551-5353), if interested in helping at the bar.
- Car Show, 3-7 p.m.: Contact June/Porky Hogue (715-487-5041), if you have a car that you wish to show.
- Food Tent, 1-2 p.m. 1-2 positions (setting out supplies, getting some of the food ready). Prepare the Nesco cookers for the burgers and brats. Add sauerkraut to the crockpot and heat on low. Set out the condiments, the chips, the donated cookies, and the other supplies. Make sure that the uncooked burgers and brats are delivered to chef John Beran in the BBQ area.
- Food Tent, 3-8 p.m. 2-3 positions per hour (mostly standing on grass). Serving food; collecting money; re-filling food/supplies, as needed.
- Food Tent, 9-10 p.m.: 3-4 positions (lifting, bending, cleaning). Help to remove and store items that were used during the day, clean and fold the tables, store the tables inside the Town Hall.

Sunday, July 28, 9-11 a.m.: Cleanup. Lifting, moving, packing, cleaning, sorting recyclables. Trucks/trailers welcome.

#### **DONATIONS FOR SUMMERFEST 2019**

by Dawn Duschel





<u>Calling all crafters, woodworkers, and artists!</u> The Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association is looking for donations for our 2019 Summerfest Fundraiser/Picnic's raffle tables. Your items will be displayed with a sign (crediting you for your contribution) and will be raffled off at the end of the evening at our indoor-bucket raffle.

Examples of current and past donated items include a Green Bay Packers wreath, a stained-glass pelican, a log-cabin doll house (see above), an etched mirror of Pelican Lake, and a Corn-Hole game. All of these items were extremely popular with our bidders.

In addition to craft and artistic works, other donations can include gas cards, gift certificates, gift baskets, booze, food, crafts, wood items, Up-North items, etc. If you or your business would like to donate to our Annual Summerfest Fundraiser/Picnic, please bring your donations to our Annual Meeting at Schoepke Town Hall on Highway 45 in Pelican Lake, June 29, 2019 (registration @ 9:30 a.m., meeting @ 10:00 a.m.), or contact Dawn Duschel (dd40018@gmail.com), prior to July 25, 2019.

Remember to mark your calendars for <u>July 27, 2019</u>, the date of our annual Summerfest Fundraiser/Picnic. This event is open to the public. Feel free to bring your family and friends. It starts at 3 p.m. and goes until dusk. Hope to see you there!

#### MEMORIAL BUOYS

by Dawn Duschel

There is nothing like the feeling that comes when you are able to memorialize members of your family for their common bond: an absolute love of Pelican Lake. It's a lovely way to remember those who have gone before us. The photo to the right shows the way my my family chose to remember our loved ones who have already passed away.

If you, too, are you looking for a way to memorialize a family member who has loved the lake, you can donate the funds for a Memorial buoy. The name(s) of your memorialized family member(s) can be placed at the top of the buoy for all to see. You can choose a regular buoy or a lighted one. Although you can request its placement at first, your buoy may end up in another area of the lake in following years. The cost of the buoy will vary, based upon the market at the time.

The Towns of Schoepke and Enterprise are in charge of the placement and removal of the buoys. The Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association has *volunteered* to repair the buoys, paying for parts as needed, as well as replacing buoys that are no longer serviceable.

If you're interested in funding a Memorial buoy, contact Paul Tomczak of Salt Dog Services, LLC, 414-418-3567 (<u>t-zak@sbcglobal.net</u>). If you're interested in helping to maintain the buoys, donate to the Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association.



#### ANNOUNCING A NEW PLPOA FACEBOOK PAGE

by David Hardt





A new Facebook page, dedicated to the Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association, has been created. It will be used for displaying tidbits of information for our members. It will contain information that is not important enough for a mass e-mail, but more minor, possibly interesting, items regarding the lake and the seasons. It will be never be used for selling or for advertising products, just for fun facts and updates on lake issues.

You can follow us by "liking us" on Facebook. In Facebook, search for <u>Pelicanlakepoa</u>, find the page, then "like it" to follow.

The PLPOA Facebook page will have the "BRAT SALE" cover image, shown here. That image may be changed in the distant future. It was a random image from Elcho's brat sales that was chosen because I figured that no other Facebook page would display it. Using this image should help new people make sure that this is the correct page to "like" and follow.

I hope to be able to communicate with more of you in the coming year. Please feel free to comment and/or offer suggestions. *See you on Facebook!* 

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The Musky Mart for supporting our Summerfest Fundraiser/Picnic.

The Town of Schoepke for the use of their facilities.

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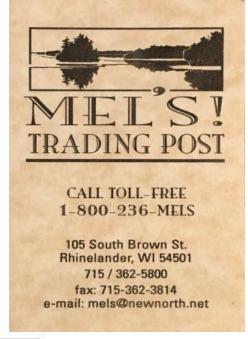
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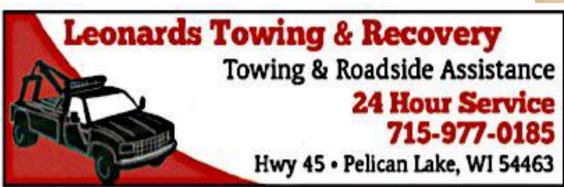
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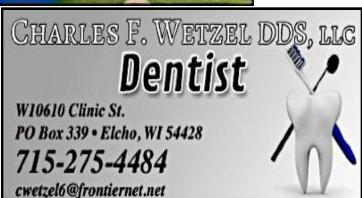
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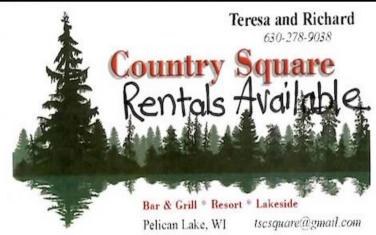
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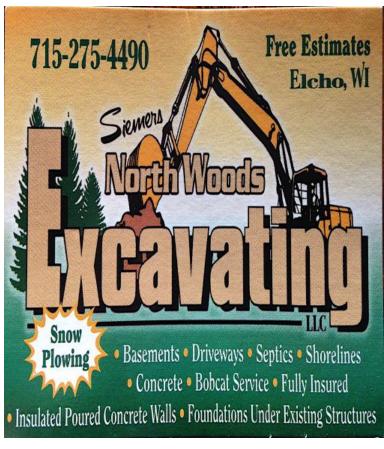
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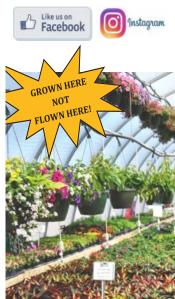


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- -Elcho-Area Food Pantry.
- -Monthly Grief-Support Groups.
- -Weekly AA Meetings.
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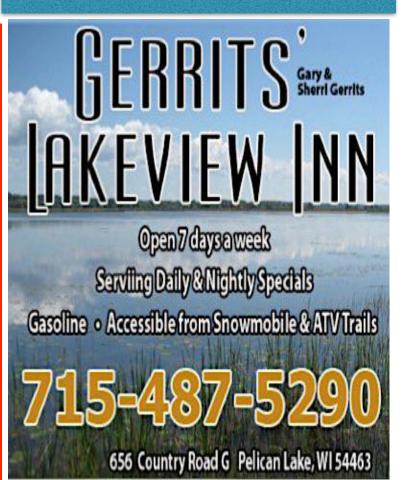
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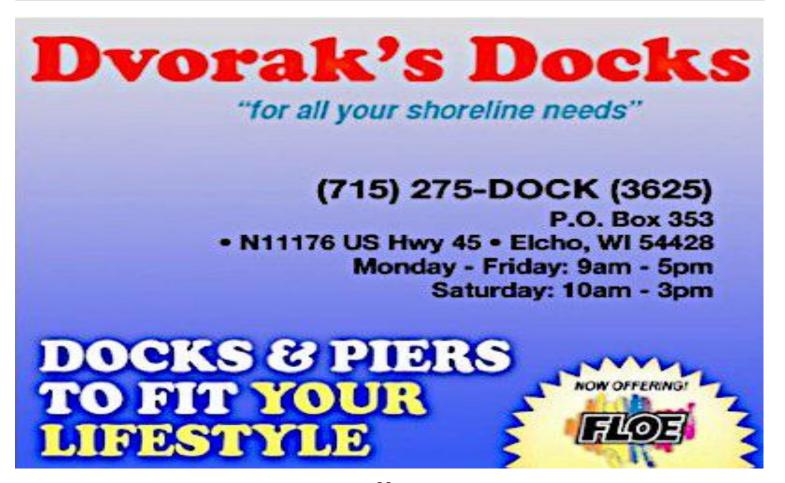
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